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Hey, Boomers!

There's three fast and furious new stories this issue starting with the Hive. Captain Plunder returns to these 'ere shores for Shanghaied, plus, discover the Legend of Mr Cuddle Bunny in the latest horribly humerous Decap Attack.

There are Pocahontas and Pinocchio reviews, a Buzz Bomber
Badnik Pin-up, and a further installment of Sonic 3 hints and tips in
the Q Zone. Finally, there's a Speedlines treat in store for north of the
border Boomers, seeing as it's St Andrew's Day on 30 November. Cheerio the noo!

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BLOOMER ALERT!

A belated apology to those Boomers who noticed that the fourth page of STC 88's Sonic's World story (Future Shock), looked remarkably like the third page! Circuits were obviously being blown and the wrong lettering betring zew However, STC can now reveal the scaled down version (see right).

Many thanks to those of you who took the trouble to write in, but rest assured that rotten eggs have been thrown at the humes responsible.



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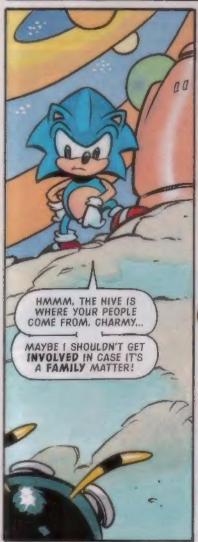




































YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM

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POCAHONTAS

Reviewed by Chris Jones.



GAME TYPE: ADVENTURE PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA PRICE: £44.99

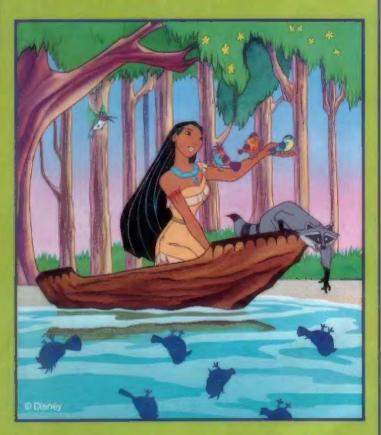
RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW AGE SHITABILITY: ALL

Disney's big film of last year *Pocahontas*, focused on the life of a young native American girl. Now Pocahontas is the star of a 24 Meg platform, puzzle game on the Mega Drive. The game sticks closely to the action seen in the film as you battle through frontier lands to try and prevent the onset of war and save Pocahontas' 'love' interest. John Smith.

There are 65 different challenges for you to conquer and you can do it by playing as Pocahontas or Meeko her raccoon buddy. You can expect all the usual things from a platform game and a little bit more. The puzzle elements in the game make it a very interesting concept. Having a non-violent natural world content makes it similar to a game like Ecco the Dolphin.

In keeping close to the film's plot, one of the aims of the game is to help any animals you come across during your adventure. If you find a distressed deer with a bramble bush entangled in its horns, then by helping it you will absorb its spirit. Certain spirits will give you new abilities and enable you to swim rivers or climb trees. There is even a spirit menu that tells you which animals you still need to recover!

The game has some good effects including bright, colourful graphics, highly detailed sprites and smooth animation. The gameplay holds your attention because of the intriguing puzzle solving involved in order to complete the adventure.



However, these puzzles were not that difficult and once solved, are dull to repeat.



PINOCCHIO

Reviewed In Chris. Jones



GAME TYPE: ADVENTURE PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA PRICE: £44.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW AGE SUITABILITY: ALL

Pinocchio is Disney's famous story of the wooden puppet that comes to life. The puppet maker Geppetto, builds Pinocchio to be his own son. However, even though he comes alive, he is still just a chunk of wood who goes on adventures accompanied by his friend and conscience, Jiminy Cricket!



In this new platform game, Geppetto wants the boy Pinocchio to track down the magical Blue Fairy who can grant one wish; that is for Pinocchio to become a real boy (no more smoothing down with wood varnish then!). This wish wil, only be granted if Pinocchio earns the badges of truth, bravery and unselfishness whitst on his travels. Will he do it or will he continually be on the look out for termites and woodworm?

Set over nine levels you can play as Pinocchio or Jiminy as you wander first of all through an old Italian town in search for pieces of each badge. While exploring, you must watch out for a few nasty enemies such as a kamikaze seaguli who dive bombs you and a gaggle of geese that set about you with their beaks! All through this, Pinocchio jumps around, goes through doors and swings on signs to get enough leverage to fly through the air.



This is a fairly average platform offering with little originality. The graphics are passable and the gameplay is oxay. The music is weedy and annoying. Overall, there is a lack of things to do and not enough action to distract you. Games like this do nothing for the Mega Drive after the recent success of Toy Story and Worms. Pinocchio is for Disney addicts only.

















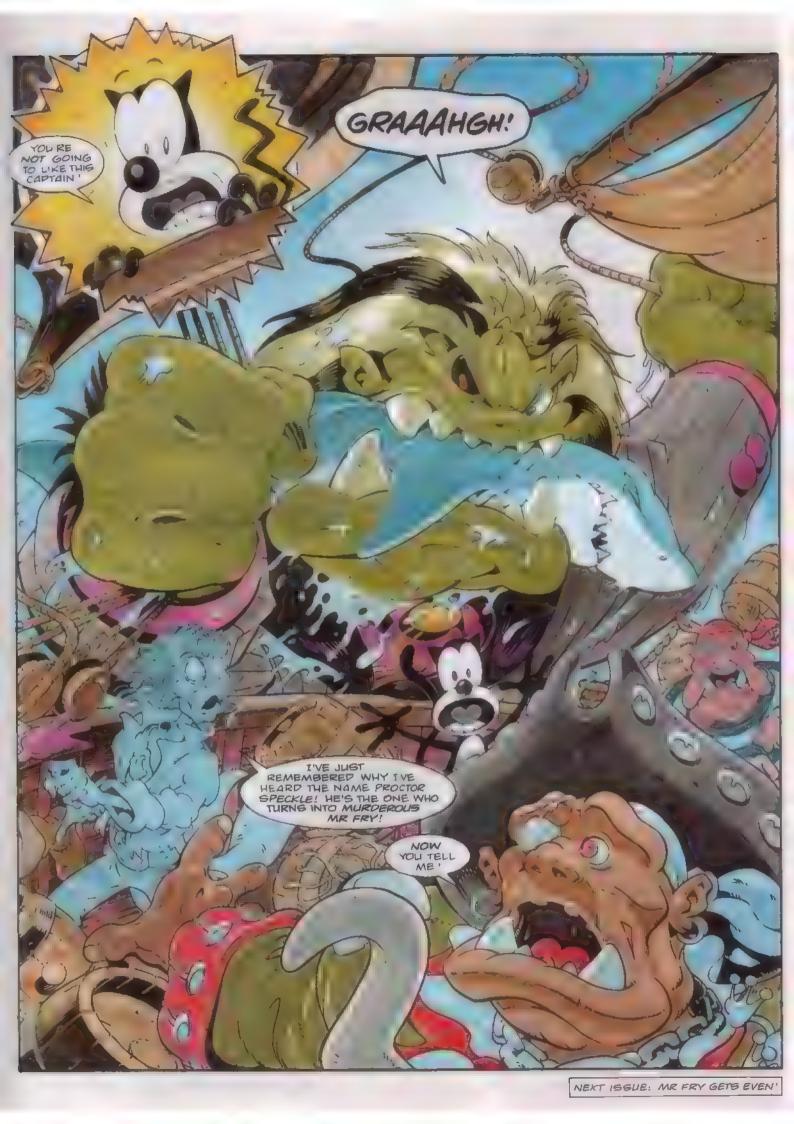














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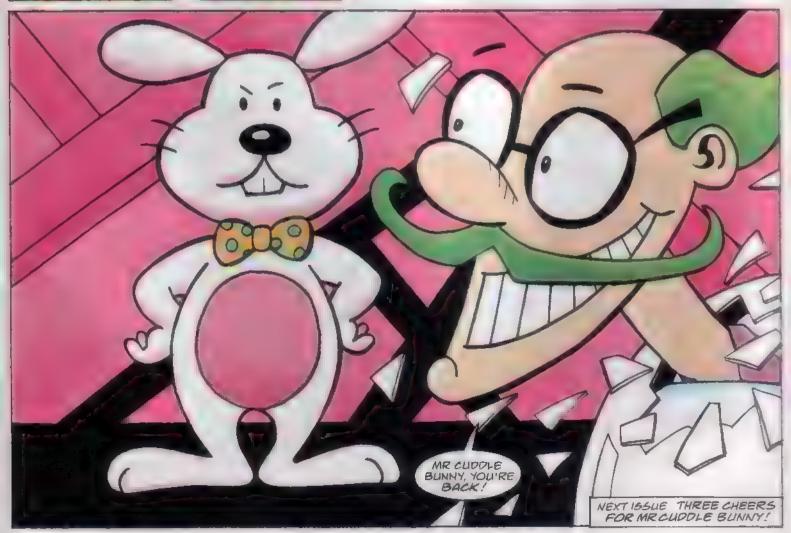


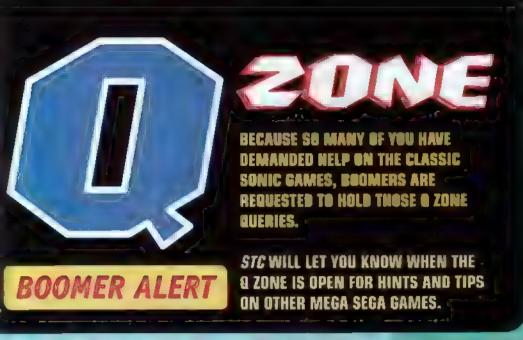






YOU NAUGHTY
RABBIT'IF YOU CARRY
ON LIKE THIS, I LL BE
VERY CROSS!







SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3 Revisited



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PART 4 THE ICECAP ZONE

ACTS 1 & 2

Dig out those thermals and prepare to enter the Icecap Zone! The same items are in both acts, all of which are covered in this section.





BEWARE:

Ice Blasters
Ice Blocks
Ice Pillars
Ramming Pillar
Snow Falls
Snow Ledge
Spring Boards
Spring Drums
Spring-loaded Drums
Stalactites
Swing Lifts



BADNIKS TO AVOID:

Penguinators Star Pointers

Both acts have Sonic and Tails slippin' and slidin' around, so a steady handed joypad control is a must. Don't be fooled into thinking that there aren't many obstacles to overcome - those you do find are very tricky, and timing is crucial!



The Ice Blasters are fiendish, while the upward moving Swing Lifts which Sonic uses to get to the next platform are awkward and require practice. Avoid them by running right and hoping! Get your timing right for the Spring-loaded Drums, but remember...avoid those Penguinators as they keep coming back!

LAUNCH BASE

ACTS 1 & 2

The items encountered here are similar to those in the Icecap Zone. However, Act 2 has more Doctor Robotnik TV's to avoid, and more TV power-ups to collect in the form of Water and Fire Shields. Act 2 also has faster and longer sections to complete. Both are seriously heavy rounds, so you really have to earn those points to keep Sonic alive!

BEWARE:

Catapult Levers
Flame Walls
Floating Platforms
Overhead Lasers
Overhead Swing
Rotating Gold Cups
Rotating Red Sirens
Travelators
Tubes





BADNIKS TO AVOID:

Corky Flybots Orbinauts Ribots Snail Blasters

Launch Base is extremely hazardous to your health! You are faced with a heavy duty line-up of spikes, Flybot homing birds, flame throwers and ball-swinging Ribots! Take your time and jump over or run past them!

Some of the worst combos come on the huge magnetic rotating drums, which have spiked orbs in the middle and underneath. They are mixed with springs and flame throwers to give a dangerously painful combo. Not for timid Boomers!



NEXT ISSUE: BEAT THE BOSSES!























WILL HE GO?

Dear STC.

Congratulatons, your comic is cooler than Sonic himself! Between you and me. I think that a certain hedgehog should come north of the border and build a Sonic headquarters here in Cumbernauld. Scott Goldie, Cumbernauld, Glasgow, Scotland. Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



One thing's for sure, Scott, he'll be sure to take the fast road!





AULD HAND SIGN!

Dear STC.

I like the action in your comic but I would like to know why Sonic has to wear white gloves? Lucas Cutter, Leighton Buzzard. Sega Mega Hoq Taq Winner.

Sonic says it's because he's so hand-some that it's one of those





WEE BALD PATCH!

Dear STC.

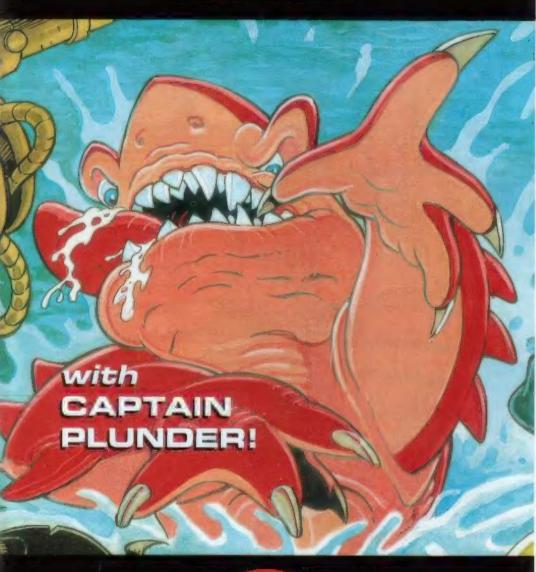
I have put every one of your centre-page pin-ups on my wall, but there is a small, bare patch which could be filled nicely with a poster of Tails. Can you help me? Ben Shillabeer, Scarborough, N Yorks. Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



Yes, I suggest you turn to the centre-pages and fill it with a nice Buzz Bomber Pin-up instead!

NEXT ISSUE

SHORT, SHARK, SHOCK!



COMPLETE STORY

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DR ROBOTNIK

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